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"PRESSURE ON BONN"

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1. THE STUTTGARTER ZEITUNG'S EDITORIAL DECEMBER 27, CAPTIONED "PRESSURE ON BONN" AND WRITTEN BY POLITICAL EDITOR WOLFGANG BORGMANN, COMMENTS THAT THE BONN GOVERNMENT MAY SOON FEEL OBLIGED TO FOLLOW THE FRENCH LEAD IN CURTAILING EXPORTS OF NUCLEAR POWER EQUIPMENT, AND MAY INDEED BE FORCED TO AMEND ITS AGREEMENT WITH BRAZIL. SUCH COMMENT REPRESENTS A DECIDED CHANGE FROM THE HARD-LINE FOUND IN BANKING AND BUSINESS CIRCLES HERE, TO WIT, THAT THE NUCLEAR DEAL WITH BRAZIL IS ONLY A NORMAL BUSINESS DEAL THAT NEED BE OF LITTLE OR NO CONCERN TO THE UNITED STATES.

2. PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER, WRITES BORGMANN, HAS MADE EVEN CLEARER THAN PRESIDENT FORD THAT THE USA WILL NOT TOLERATE THE SPREAD OF NUCLEAR (WEAPONS) TECHNOLOGY. "AND AMONG FRIENDS
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SUCH WORDS ... HAVE WEIGHT. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CAN HARDLY AFFORD A SERIOUS CONFLICT WITH THE USA OVER THE QUESTION OF ATOM EXPORTS, PARTICULARLY WHEN ONE CONSIDERS THAT IN THE POLITICO-MILITARY AREA THAT THE WEST GERMANS, EVEN LESS THAN THE FRENCH, CAN NOT RENOUNCE THE AMERICAN NUCLEAR PROTECTION OF WESTERN EUROPE." BONN CAN NOT ESCAPE FROM THE "PSYCHOLO-

GICAL PRESSURE" THAT FOLLOWS FROM FRENCH AGREEMENT TO LIMIT NUCLEAR EXPORTS, PARTICULARLY SINCE BONN HAS AGREED TO RESPECT THE ADVICE OF THE NUCLEAR CLUB CONCERNING SUCH EXPORTS. IT IS NOT SURPRISING THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN INTERPRETS RECENT STATEMENTS IN BONN TO MEAN THAT THE BONN GOVERNMENT IS MOVING TOWARD LIMITATION OF EXPORTS. MEANWHILE IN BONN THERE IS TENSE WAITING FOR CARTER'S ENTRY INTO OFFICE. HIS IDEAS COULD MEAN THAT THE NUCLEAR DEAL WITH BRAZIL IS ENDANGERED. "WHETHER THE FACT THAT THERE IS NO ESCAPE CLAUSE IN THIS TREATY, AND THAT THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY OFFICIALS, AMONG WHOM SIT AMERICAN AND SOVIETS, AGREED TO THE DEAL, MAKE AMERICAN DESIRES TO CHANGE THE TREATY IMPOSSIBLE REMAINS TO BE SEEN". THOUSANDS OF JOBS DEPEND ON THE DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR MARKETS. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CAN BE BLAMED FOR NOT FORESEEING SOON ENOUGH THE POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES OF ITS POLICY AND THE TIGHT CORNER IT IS NOW IN. MURPHY

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